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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed May 13, 2004, Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination. With a one-month extension of time, reply is timely on or before August 13, 2004.

Prior to Examination on the merits in the RCE, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following Amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks.

Applicants hereby petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a one (1) month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and include a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

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